

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 16, 18 and 19 are currently being amended. Claim 20 is being added.

This amendment adds and changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-16 and 18-20 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16 and 18-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,543,394 (“Matlow”). In response, without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicants have amended independent claims 16, 18 and 19 to include allowable limitations. The Examiner has acknowledged that the limitations are allowable in the previous Office Action dated May 1, 2007. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot and Applicants request that claims 16, 18 and 19 be allowed. Claim 20 depends from claim 16 and should be allowed for at least the reasons set forth above.

New Claim 20

Claim 20 is a new claim. Claim 20 is a duplicate of cancelled claim 17. No new matter has been added. Claim 20 depends from claim 16 and should be allowed for at least the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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